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SUBJECT: BUTHELEZI CALLS FOR FAMILY PLANNING AMONG AMAZULU

1. DURING BUDGET ADDRESS TO KWAZULU LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY (KLA) MAY 8, CHIEF GATSHA BUTHELEZI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR OF KWAZULU, WARNED OF CRIPPLING EFFECTS CONTINUED HIGH BIRTHRATE WOULD HAVE ON KWAZULU DEVELOPMENT. QUOTING PRESIDENT MCNAMARA OF WORLD BANK, BUTHELEZI SAID KWAZULU POPULATION GROWTH RATE, WHICH HE ESTIMATED AT 3.6 PER ANNUM COULD FORCE HIS PEOPLE INTO "TREADMILL ECONOMY" OF RUNNING "FASTER AND FASTER MERELY TO STAND STILL".

2. ACCORDING TO BUTHELEZI, 40 PERCENT OF PROPOSED 1973-74 KWAZULU BUDGET OF R46 MILLION (US DOLLARS 65.32 MILLION) ALLOCATED FOR EDUCATION, TRAINING, PENSION PAYMENTS AND CONSTRUCTION OF SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS AND CLINICS (AMCONGEN BUDGET ANALYSIS TO FOLLOW). HE WARNED KLA THAT THESE GRANTS WILL ESCALATE AD INFINITUM UNLESS WE RECEIVE THE LEVEL-HEADED COOPERATION OF OUR PEOPLE" IN LIMITING FAMILY SIZE.

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3. COMMENT: JOHANNESBURG STAR, 12/ FEBRUARY 1972, REPORTED BIRTH CONTROL " FAST BECOMING A WAY OF LIFE" AMONG URBAN AFRICAN WOMEN; BIRTH RATE IN URBAN AREAS ALLEGEDLY 15 PERCENT LOWER IN 1967-72 THAN IN 1962-67, IN ADDITION DURBAN DAILY NEWS

MAY 7 REPORTED ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES TO BE ISSUED TO PUBLIC THROUGH CHEMISTS AT NO CHARGE AS PART OF SAG' S NATIONAL FAMILY PLANNING CAMPAIGN. HOWEVER, TRADITIONAL EMPHASIS, ESPECIALLY AMONG RURAL AFRICANS, ON LARGE FAMILIES PLUS SCARCITY OF PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACIES IN NON- URBAN BLACK AREAS NOT LIKELY AMELIORATE PRESSING POPULATION GROWTH IN HOMELANDS. COURAGEOUS BUTHELEZI PLEA FOR FAMILY PLANNING APPEARS FIRST SUCH CALL BY ANY MAJOR BLACK SPOKESMAN. ALTHOUGH IT RUNS COUNTER TO ZULU TRADITION, IT REFLECTS HIS DILEMMA IN ATTEMPTING RECONCILE TRADITIONAL RURAL AFRICAN PREDELICITION TOWARD LARGE FAMILIES WITH PRESSING ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL NEEDS OF SLOWLY DEVELOPING HOMELAND. KWAZULU REVENUES AND SAG APPROPRIATIONS ALONE NOT LIKELY TO BE SUFFICIENT TO REMEDY SITUATION AND IS POSSIBLE BUTHELEZI MAY SEEK OTHER SOURCES OF HELP IN IMPLEMENTING PROGRAM. HOLMES

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